

Transportation

What we see are the people who need transportation, that's the biggest barrier. The transportation system seems to be difficult in the evening and weekends. Therefore, they cannot access certain shifts to work because of this problem.

Interviewee

Research Question 5: What transportation is available for persons who are blind or visually impaired?

Each North Carolina County provides some form of public transportation. This section describes the transportation systems and includes an analysis of the transportation that is available in the counties surrounding DSB district offices. Transportation is categorized into the following types:

- **Community Transportation** assists clients of human service agencies and the general public. Riders call ahead for reservations, since most systems operate on a first-come, first-served basis; whereas, human service agencies prepay and reserve seats for a guaranteed number of passengers. There are 68 rural single-county transit systems in North Carolina.
- **Regional Community Transportation** systems are composed of two or more contiguous counties providing coordinated/consolidated service. 25 counties have rural transportation provided by a regional system. These systems include: Choanoke Public Transportation Authority operating in Bertie, Halifax, Hertford and Northampton counties; Craven Area Rural Transit System - Craven, Pamlico and Jones counties; Greenway Public Transportation – Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties; Inter-County Public Transportation Authority - Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties; Kerr Area Rural Transportation System - Franklin, Granville, Vance and Warren counties; Regional Coordinated Area Transportation System - Montgomery and Randolph counties; Tar River Transit - Edgecombe and Nash counties; and Yadkin Valley Public Transportation - Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties.